Area A Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

Meeting Feb 21st, 2012 at Brentwood College boardroom

Present: Joan Pope, Greg Farley, Dave Gall, Cathy Leslie, April Tilson, Ron Parsons,

Judy Meszaros

Absent: Director Walker

Guest: Ross Tenant

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm

1.Report on Bamberton Lands:

Ross Tenant, formerly of Bamberton Properties gave a brief history of the ownership of the Bamberton lands; the previous proposed zoning changes, parklands, and development schemes. Currently there are two American partners who are the major owners. They are logging some of the lands and actively managing the zoned industrial areas where several local businesses operate.

The 30 acres of protected park around McCurdy Pt. which used to be a proposed 300 acres, is being held in a covenant for 10 years so that no logging is permitted. There is no access to this parkland because of private property and industrial activity. Mr. Tenant and the PRC members discussed numerous ideas regarding access to the land in the future. Ideas ranged from: use of the upper road (which was formerly the access to the Wild Play business), the old village road, quarry road or combination. There are no plans for the upper zoned industrial land/business park near the Hwy at present.

2. Chairperson Update:

A. Mill Bay United Church

1. **OPEN HOUSE,** Saturday Feb 23^{rd} at 10:00 am to show the updated work on the building. The work is ahead of schedule and under budget. Following the open house, the South Area Parks members are going to be walking a trail near the church that may be closed in the future.

3. New Business from PRC members:

A. Lilmac trail – "Kudos" to parks staff for managing the area along the stream to Mill Springs

B Barry Rd trail – Parks staff needs to put gravel on this area or someone is going to slip and fall.

C. Marina Update – Handy Rd boat launch not finished yet. Three condos being built already, sewers in and tested. Owners will operate bistro there.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: March 12th, 2013, 7 pm. Location to be announced. **Tentative Guest**: Maureen Alexander of the Historical Society.